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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: **People vs. Jon Scott Finch**

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Jon Scott Finch, age 48, of Ceres, was, sentenced on September 27, 2002 by Superior Court Judge Al Girolami to 75 years to life in state prison. In May 2002, a jury found Finch guilty of two attempted robberies and one completed robbery. Deputy District Attorney Dawna Frenchie prosecuted the case, and appeared at the sentencing hearing.

The case arose out of events which occurred on March 29, 2001 in the city of Modesto. Finch entered three local businesses saying he had a gun and demanding money. At the first two, Finch fled when the clerks threatened to call law enforcement. At the third location, My Boutique on Coffee Road, Finch got away with about \$200. However, the business owner went to a neighboring business and reported the robbery. Clerks and customers then chased Finch down and held him until police arrived.

Finch was sentenced under the "Three Strikes" law due to his extensive criminal history which included 18 prior robbery convictions.